

***Valid Certifications Awarded by The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA)***

1. Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR). This certification is awarded to an individual who has held Registered Merit Reporter (RMR) certificate for a minimum of five years, or has both RMR and a bachelor's degree, or has passed the RMR test in addition to any two other NCRA tests;
2. Registered Merit Reporter. (Formerly known as the Certificate of Merit.) This certification is awarded to an individual who has been tested as having the ability to stroke at speeds of 260 words per minute, with a ninety-five percent accuracy rate after transcription;
3. Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR). This certification is awarded to an individual who has been tested as having the ability to stroke at speeds up to 200 words per minute during real-time translations with no editing at a ninety-six percent accuracy rate; and
4. Registered Professional Reporter (RPR). This certification is awarded to an individual who has been tested as having the ability to stroke at speeds of 225 words per minute, with a ninety-five percent accuracy rate after transcription.
5. A Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR) is awarded by a state board of certified shorthand reporters. This certification is awarded to an individual who has been tested as having the ability to stroke at speeds of 225 words per minute, with a ninety-five percent accuracy rate after transcription.

Note: The "stroke" action involves depressing multiple keys at a time on the stenographic machine, whereas the "type" action involves hitting one key at a time.

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